Expansion of Jammu airport

*190. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to expand the airport of Jammu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much amount has been sanctioned for this project; and

(d) how much land has been acquired for this expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various development works have been planned like extension of runway by 1300 ft. on runway 18 side to make it 8000 feet long, expansion of apron to accommodate more aircraft and expansion of Terminal Building to accommodate 350 arriving and 350 departing passengers and development of car park for Jammu airport.

(c) Finalization of estimates for the project is subject to acquisition of land by State Government and handing over of the same to Airports Authority of India (AAI). Estimated cost of the project was Rs. 33 crores in the year 2003.

(d) Approximately 97 acres.

Meeting of the Artificial Recharge of Ground Water Advisory Council

*191. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first ever meeting of the Artificial Recharge of Ground Water Advisory Council took place in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of discussions that took place in the meeting;

(c) whether any suggestions were put forward during the meeting; and

(d) if so, the action taken on these recommendations?